Open Veins of Latin America (1989)
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Introduction (2024)

I would argue that for followers of my work it is clear that Latin Amercia, our Marxism has failed and with it the whole movement of intellectuals belongs to Sirohian path, because in fact there is a state debt crisis and even forms of unequal exchange all of which I called dependency which has now led to a backwardness and dismay in the Brazillian crime machine. I wanted to document this, but found it tragic. I think memories are better in the sense of remembrances of the style of Allende, even Communist parties in Latin America all of which were developing under the influence of Europe and American imperialism as in fact Ecuador where I used to live for meeting intellectuals and even academics and found happiness and solace that Sirohi knows its history as El Material Humano by Rey Rosa.

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It commences in a long colonizer's history, that tribals and indigenous people all slept to wait for colonizer ships and even forms of trade and unequal exchange from Spanish colonizers to Portugeuse. This commences a long history of dependency which then became colonial and post-colonial forms of dictatorships from Saramiento to Bolivar and this then makes it to modern history after the Cuban revolution which then led Marxism and liberation movements all of which remained bureaucratic and and even statist, which leads to Allende in Chile as the whole continent went under dictatorships and freed themselves to World Bank rule and American imperialism.

I call this a short history of the continent – dedicated to Bolivian diaries of Che.